

1. Measure Theory

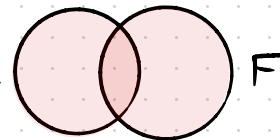
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Def: Fix a set Ω and a set $\mathcal{A}$ of subsets of Ω with $\emptyset \in \mathcal{A}$

$\mathcal{A}$ is a **ring** if

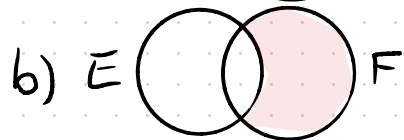
a) If $E, F \in \mathcal{A}$ then $E \cup F \in \mathcal{A}$, a)

b) If $E, F \in \mathcal{A}$ then $F \setminus E \in \mathcal{A}$



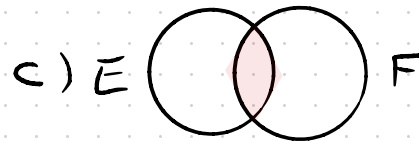
$\mathcal{A}$ is a **π -system** if

c) If $E, F \in \mathcal{A}$ then $E \cap F \in \mathcal{A}$



$\mathcal{A}$ is a **field** if it is a ring and also

b) If $E \in \mathcal{A}$ then $E^c \in \mathcal{A}$



Exercise Fields are π -systems.

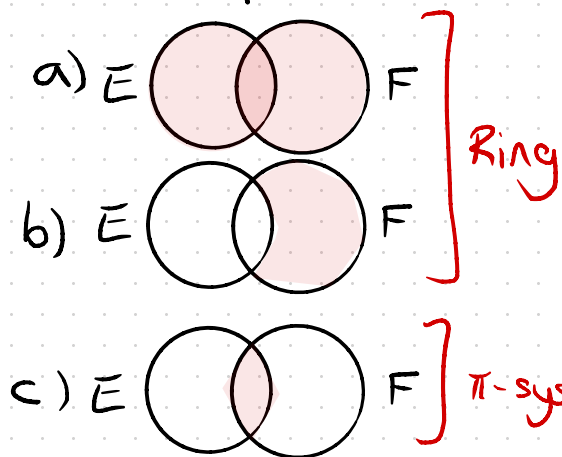
$\mathcal{A}$ is a **σ -field** if it is a field and also

a') For any seq. $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ of elements of $\mathcal{A}$, $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$.

Def: For any set $\mathcal{A}$ of subsets of Ω , the **σ -field generated by $\mathcal{A}$** is

$$\sigma(\mathcal{A}) := \bigcap \{ \mathcal{F} : \mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{F} \text{ and } \mathcal{F} \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-field} \}.$$

The definition in pictures



Ring

λ -system
(Ω must be an element)

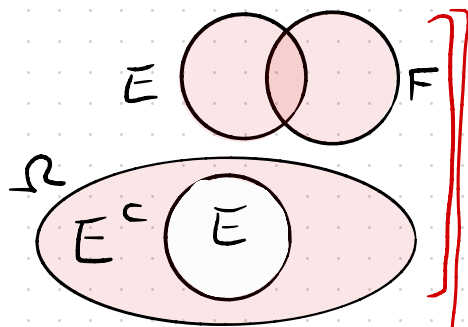
π -system

$E \cup F$

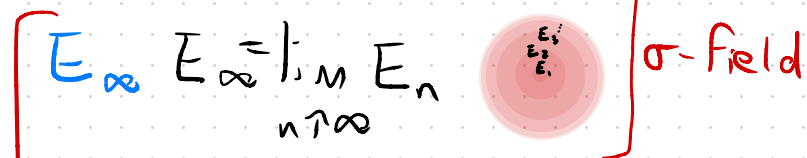
E^c

E_∞

$F \setminus E$



Field



σ -field

$$A \rightarrow \sigma(A) := \bigcap \{ \mathcal{F} \supset A : \mathcal{F} \text{ } \sigma\text{-field} \}$$

Pre-measure μ on ring A : ① $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$;

② If $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ disj. elts of A , $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in A$ then $\sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(A_n) = \mu(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n)$

μ Additive:

$$E \cap F = \emptyset \Rightarrow \mu(E \cup F) = \mu(E) + \mu(F)$$

μ countably add.
($E_n, n \geq 1$) disj. $\Rightarrow \mu(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} E_n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(E_n)$

Building measures

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Def Fix a ring $\mathcal{A}$ over Ω . A pre-measure on $\mathcal{A}$ is a function $\mu: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ with $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ s.t.

for any seq. $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ of disjoint elements of $\mathcal{A}$

if $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{A}$ then $\mu(\bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(A_n)$

We then say $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ is a pre-measure space.

Carathéodory Extension Theorem Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a pre-measure space. Then there exists a σ -field $\mathcal{F}$ containing $\mathcal{A}$ s.t. μ extends to a measure on $\mathcal{F}$.

Dynkin's Theorem: Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ be a set with a σ -field on it, and let $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{F}$ be a π -system with $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{F}$. If μ_1, μ_2 are measures on $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{P}$ then $\mu_1 \equiv \mu_2$.

Aside

It seems to me that the following should be true.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{P})$ be a set with a π -system on it.

Let $\mu: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be s.t. $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ and if

$(P_n, n \geq 1)$ are disjoint elements of $\mathcal{P}$ s.t. $\bigcup_{n \geq 1} P_n \overset{=}{\subseteq} Q \in \mathcal{P}$

then $\sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(P_n) \overset{=}{\leq} \mu(Q)$

[Note: If $Q \subseteq \bigcup_{n \geq 1} P_n$ then $Q = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} Q \cap P_n$]

Then there exists a measure on $\sigma(\mathcal{P})$ extending μ .

Examples

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- $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$, $A = \text{Finite unions of intervals}$ $(a, b] = \{(a_1, b_1] \cup \dots \cup (a_k, b_k]\}$,
 $(\text{CDF: } F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \mathbb{P}(X \in (a, b]) =: \mu_X(a, b])$ $a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k \in \mathbb{R}\}$

A is an algebra; want to know that F_X determines dist. of X .

- $\Omega = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} = \{(x_i, i \geq 1) : x_i \in \{0, 1\} \forall i\}$.

$A = \text{Cylinder sets}$. Cylinder set: for $S \subset \mathbb{N}$ finite and $\vec{y} = (y_i, i \in S)$,
 $C_{\vec{y}} := \{\vec{x} \in \Omega : x_i = y_i \forall i \in S\}$.

For cylinder set $C_{\vec{y}}$ set $\mu(C_{\vec{y}}) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{|S|}$. ("IID Fair coins")

Should be able to extend μ to a p.m. on $(\Omega, \sigma(A))$; μ models "an ∞ sequence of fair coin tosses".

Carathéodory Proof

Idea: Approximate from above.

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Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a pre-measurable space

For $B \subset \Omega$ let

i.e. $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ covers B .

$$\mu^*(B) := \inf \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) : A_n \in \mathcal{A}, n \geq 1; \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \subset B \right).$$

Prop: μ^* is an **outer measure**: $\mu^*: 2^\Omega \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ satisfies

i) $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$;

ii) $E \subset F \Rightarrow \mu(E) \leq \mu(F)$;

i.e. μ^* is subadditive.

iii) if $(E_i, i \geq 1)$ are subsets of Ω then $\mu^*\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_i)$.

Def: Given an outer measure μ^* on Ω , say $A \subset \Omega$ is μ^* -additive if for all $B \subset \Omega$, $\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B)$

Carathéodory Lemma Let $\mathcal{T} := \{A \subset \Omega : A \text{ is } \mu^* \text{-additive}\}$

Define $\mu: \mathcal{T} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ by $\mu(B) = \mu^*(B)$. Then $(\Omega, \mathcal{T}, \mu)$ is a measure space (i.e. $\mathcal{T}$ is a σ -algebra over Ω and μ is a measure on $\mathcal{T}$).

Proof of Prop

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(i) If $B \in \mathcal{A}$ then $\mu^*(B) \leq \mu(B)$ since $(B, \emptyset, \emptyset, \dots)$ covers B .
In particular $\mu^*(\emptyset) \leq \mu(\emptyset) = 0$ so $\mu^*(\emptyset) = 0$.

(ii) If $E \subset F$ then any cover of F is a cover of E so $\mu^*(F)$ is an inf over a smaller set so $\mu^*(F) \geq \mu^*(E)$.

(iii) "Dyadic trick". Given $(E_i, i \geq 1)$ subsets of Ω . Write $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} E_i$.

We prove: $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \mu^*(E) \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(E_i) \right) + \varepsilon$.

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, then for all $i \geq 1$ fix a cover $(A_n^i, n \geq 1)$ of E_i

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(A_n^i) \leq \mu^*(E_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i}.$$

Then $(A_n^i, n, i \geq 1)$ covers E so

$$\mu^*(E) \leq \sum_{n, i \geq 1} \mu(A_n^i) \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \left(\mu^*(E_i) + \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} \right) = \left(\sum_{i \geq 1} \mu^*(E_i) \right) + \varepsilon \quad \square$$

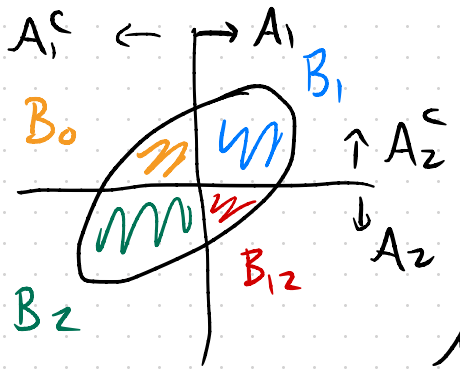
Proof of Carathéodory Lemma

Step 1: Prove $\mathcal{F}$ is a σ -field

Step 2: Prove μ is a measure on $\mathcal{F}$.

Step 1: $\mathcal{F}$ obv. closed under complements (def. is invariant to $A \mapsto A^c$)

Closure under $\cap$ trickier. Fix $A_1, A_2 \in \mathcal{F}$ and any $B \subset \Omega$.



Write $B = B_0 \cup B_1 \cup B_2 \cup B_{12}$ according to $\cap$ with A_1, A_2 .

Then $A_1 \in \mathcal{F}$

$$\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \cap A_1) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1^c)$$

$$A_2 \in \mathcal{F} \implies \mu^*(B_1) + \mu^*(B_{12}) = \mu^*(B_0) + \mu^*(B_2) \in \mathcal{F}$$

Also

$$\mu^*(B \setminus B_{12}) = \mu^*(B_1) + \mu^*(B_0) + \mu^*(B_2) \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\text{So } \mu^*(B) = \mu^*(B \setminus B_{12}) + \mu^*(B_{12}) = \mu^*(B \cap (A_1 \cap A_2)^c) + \mu^*(B \cap A_1 \cap A_2)$$

* Countable $\cup$: Fix disjoint sets $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ in $\mathcal{T}$, let $A = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n$ (8)

Fix $B \in \mathcal{T}$. Since μ^* is an outer measure, it is subadditive so
 $\mu(A) \leq \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(A^c \cap B)$; need to prove " $\geq$ ".

"Cut A into pieces" with A_1 , then A_2 , etc. Disjointness plus the fact that all $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ gives

$$\mu^*(B) = \mu^*(A_1 \cap B) + \mu^*(A_2 \cap B) + \dots + \mu^*(A_n \cap B) + \mu^*(B \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^c)$$

$B \cap \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i^c \supseteq B \cap A^c$ $\Rightarrow \mu^*(B) \geq \mu^*(A_1 \cap B) + \dots + \mu^*(A_n \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B)$

Take a limit in n to get

$$\mu^*(B) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B)$$

$$\geq \mu\left(\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) \cap B\right) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B) = \mu(A \cap B) + \mu(A^c \cap B), \text{ so } A \in \mathcal{T}.$$

We also just proved that if $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ disjoint set in $\mathcal{F}$

then

$$\mu^*(A) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i \cap A) + \mu^*(A^c \cap A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$$

So $\mu^*(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu^*(A_i)$, i.e. μ restricts to a measure on $\mathcal{F}$.

Proof of Carathéodory's Theorem Let μ^* be the outer measure as above.

Step 1: If $A \in \mathcal{A}$ then $\mu^*(A) = \mu(A)$
(so μ^* extends μ)

Step 2: $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$
(so $\mathcal{F}$ extends $\mathcal{A}$).

Step 1: We know $\mu^*(A) \leq \mu(A)$, want rev. ineq.

Let $(A_i, i \geq 1)$ be a cover of A . For $n \geq 1$ let $B_n = A_n \setminus (A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n-1})$

Then $(B_i, i \geq 1)$ is a disjoint cover of A ($\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i$ & $\cap$),

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (B_i \cap A) = A \text{ so}$$

$$\mu(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_i \cap A) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(B_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$$

Take inf over covers $(A_i, i \geq 1)$
of A to get
 $\mu(A) \leq \mu^*(A) \quad \square$

Step 2: Need to show if $A \in \mathcal{A}$ then A is μ^* -additive: $\cup$

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$$B \subseteq \Sigma, \quad \mu^*(B) = \mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B).$$

" $\leq$ " easy (subadditivity)

" $\geq$ " Fix $\varepsilon > 0$, fix a cover $(A_n, n \geq 1)$ of B with elements of $\mathcal{A}$

$$\text{s.t. } \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(A_n) \leq \mu^*(B) + \varepsilon.$$

Then $(A \cap A_n, n \geq 1)$ covers $A \cap B$ and $(A^c \cap A_n, n \geq 1)$ covers $A^c \cap B$,

so

$$\mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B) \leq \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu^*(A \cap A_n) + \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu^*(A^c \cap A_n)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu^*(A \cap A_n) + \mu^*(A^c \cap A_n)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu^*(A_n) \leq \mu^*(B) + \varepsilon.$$

But $\varepsilon > 0$ arbitrary $\Rightarrow$

$$\mu^*(A \cap B) + \mu^*(A^c \cap B) \leq \mu^*(B) + \varepsilon. \quad \square$$

Last class:

Carathéodory Extension Theorem Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mu)$ be a pre-measure space. Then there exists a σ -field $\mathcal{F}$ containing $\mathcal{A}$ s.t. μ extends to a measure on $\mathcal{F}$.

The field $\mathcal{F}$ was the sets E s.t. $\mu(F) = \mu^*(E \cap F) + \mu^*(E^c \cap F)$ for all $F \subset \Omega$.

If $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}) := \{ (a_1, b_1] \cup \dots \cup (a_k, b_k], k \in \mathbb{N}, -\infty < a_1 \leq b_1 < \dots < a_k \leq b_k < \infty \}$

then $\mathcal{F}$ is called the **Lebesgue measurable sets** of $\mathbb{R}$; denote this by $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$.

NB: $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ is not the smallest σ -field containing $\mathcal{A}$. The smallest is $\sigma(\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R})) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, the **Borel σ -field over $\mathbb{R}$** . In fact, $\mathcal{L}(\mathbb{R})$ is the completion of $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.

This class:

① **Dynkin's Theorem**: Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ be a set with a σ -field on it, and let $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{F}$ be a π -system with $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{F}$. If μ_1, μ_2 are measures on $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{P}$ then $\mu_1 \equiv \mu_2$.

② **Stieltjes Measures**

One more definition:

A set $\mathcal{A} \subset 2^\Omega$ is a λ -system over Ω if $\Omega \in \mathcal{A}$ and

- $E, F \in \mathcal{A}, E \subset F \Rightarrow F \setminus E \in \mathcal{A}$
- $E_n \in \mathcal{A}, n \geq 1$ with $E_n \uparrow E_\infty \Rightarrow E_\infty \in \mathcal{A}$

Exercises

- ① $\mathcal{A}$ a σ -field over $\Omega \Rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ a λ -system over Ω
- ② If $\mathcal{A} \subset 2^\Omega$ is a π -system and a λ -system then $\mathcal{A}$ is a σ -field.
- ③ If $\{\mathcal{A}_i, i \in I\}$ are λ -systems over Ω then $\bigcap_{i \in I} \mathcal{A}_i$ is a λ -system over Ω .

Dynkin's π -system lemma

Let $\mathcal{P}$ be a π -system over Ω . Then

$$\left[\sigma(\mathcal{P}) := \bigcap_{\{\mathcal{G} \supset \mathcal{P} : \mathcal{G} \text{ a } \sigma\text{-field over } \Omega\}} \mathcal{G} \right] = \left[\bigcap_{\{\mathcal{G} \supset \mathcal{P} : \mathcal{G} \text{ a } \lambda\text{-system over } \Omega\}} \mathcal{G} \right] \quad [= : \lambda(\mathcal{P})]$$

Proof: $\lambda(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{P})$

By ③, σ -fields are λ -systems, so RHS is an $\bigcap$ of a larger collection of sets.

$\sigma(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \lambda(\mathcal{P})$ We'll show $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a π -system. Exercise ② then implies $\lambda(\mathcal{P})$ is a σ -field, so $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \bigcap_{\mathcal{G} \text{ } \sigma\text{-field}} \mathcal{G} \subseteq \lambda(\mathcal{P})$

Remains to prove $\lambda(P)$ is a π -system

Proof Must prove: $E \cap F \in \lambda(P)$ for all $E, F \in \lambda(P)$

- Say $E \in \lambda(P)$ is cooperative if $E \cap P \in \lambda(P)$ for all $P \in \mathcal{P}$.
- Say $E \in \lambda(P)$ is helpful if $E \cap F \in \lambda(P)$ for all $F \in \lambda(P)$.

If we show all elements of $\lambda(P)$ are helpful then we are done.

Which sets are cooperative? • Ω is cooperative $\Omega \cap P = P \in \lambda(P)$ for all $P \in \mathcal{P}$.

- If $E \in \mathcal{P}$ then $E \cap P \in \mathcal{P}$ for all $P \in \mathcal{P}$ so E is cooperative

All elts of $\mathcal{P}$ cooperative

- If E, F coop. then $\forall P \in \mathcal{P}$, $E \cap P \in \lambda(P)$ and $F \cap P \in \lambda(P)$ ($\lambda(P)$ a λ -system)

If also $E \subset F$ then $E \cap P \subset F \cap P$, so $(F \setminus E) \cap P = (F \cap P) \setminus (E \cap P) \in \lambda(P)$

If E, F coop. and $E \subset F$ then $F \setminus E$ coop.

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- If $(E_n, n \geq 1)$ increasing, $E_n \uparrow E_\infty$, all E_n cooperative, then for all $P \in \mathcal{P}$, $E_n \cap P \in \lambda(P)$, and $E_n \cap P \uparrow E_\infty \cap P$ so $E_\infty \in \mathcal{P}$.

If $E_n \uparrow E_\infty$, all E_n coop. then E_∞ coop.

We have showed that $\{\text{Cooperative sets}\}$ is a λ -system containing $\mathcal{P}$; so all sets in $\lambda(P)$ cooperative.

Which sets are helpful? • Ω is helpful $\Omega \cap F = F \in \lambda(P)$ for all $F \in \lambda(P)$.

- If $E \in \mathcal{P}$ then for all $F \in \lambda(P)$, E cooperative so $E \cap F \in \lambda(P)$; so E helpful.

All elts of $\mathcal{P}$ are helpful

- If E, F helpful then $\forall G \in \lambda(P)$, $E \cap G \in \lambda(P)$ and $F \cap G \in \lambda(P)$ $\lambda(P)$ a λ -system

If also $E \subset F$ then $E \cap G \subset F \cap G$, so $(F \setminus E) \cap G = (F \cap G) \setminus (E \cap G) \in \lambda(P)$

If E, F helpful and $E \subset F$ then $F \setminus E$ helpful

- Likewise, if $(E_n, n \geq 1)$ are helpful and $E_n \uparrow E_\infty$ then E_∞ helpful.

So $\{\text{helpful sets}\}$ is a λ -system containing $\mathcal{P}$; so all sets in $\lambda(P)$ are helpful. So we are done. 

Dynkin's Theorem: Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ be a set with a σ -field on it, and let $\mathcal{P} \subset \mathcal{F}$ be a π -system with $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{F}$. If μ_1, μ_2 are measures on $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ for all $E \in \mathcal{P}$ then $\mu_1 \equiv \mu_2$.

Proof of Dynkin's Thm

Let $\Lambda = \{F \in \mathcal{F} : \mu_1(F) = \mu_2(F)\}$.

Then

• $\mathcal{P} \subset \Lambda$ by def.

• If $E, F \in \Lambda$, $E \subset F$ then $\mu_1(F \setminus E) = \mu_1(F) - \mu_1(E)$
 $= \mu_2(F) - \mu_2(E) = \mu_2(F \setminus E)$

so $\mu_1(F \setminus E) = \mu_2(F \setminus E)$. If $E, F \in \Lambda$, $E \subset F$ then $F \setminus E \in \Lambda$

• If $E_n \in \Lambda$, $n \geq 1$ and $E_n \uparrow E_\infty$ then $\mu_1(E_\infty) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_1(E_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_2(E_n) = \mu_2(E_\infty)$

If $E_n \in \Lambda$, $n \geq 1$ $E_n \uparrow E_\infty$ then $E_\infty \in \Lambda$

Thus Λ is a λ -system containing $\mathcal{P}$, so $\Lambda \supseteq \sigma(\mathcal{P})$, so $\mu_1 \equiv \mu_2$ $\square$

Four notes about last class ① Examples of π -systems $\{\text{Open sets}\}$; $\{\text{Intervals}\}$; $\{\text{Boxes}\}$

① In hypothesis of Dynkin's Theorem we should assume that $\Omega \in \mathcal{P}$,
or equivalently that $\mu_1(\Omega) = \mu_2(\Omega)$

② **Def:** Given a measurable space $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$, a measure μ on $\mathcal{F}$ is σ -finite if there exist sets $(\Omega_n, n \geq 1)$ in $\mathcal{F}$ s.t. $\Omega_n \uparrow \Omega$ and $\mu(\Omega_n) < \infty$ for all n .

σ -finiteness should also appear in the hyp. of Dynkin's Theorem

In that case, if $\mu_1(E) = \mu_2(E)$ and $\mu_1(F) = \mu_2(F)$, and $E \subset F$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1(F \setminus E) & \stackrel{\text{additivity of } \mu_1}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_1((F \setminus E) \cap \Omega_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mu_1(F \cap \Omega_n) - \mu_1(E \cap \Omega_n)) \\ & \stackrel{\text{assumption}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\mu_2(F \cap \Omega_n) - \mu_2(E \cap \Omega_n)) \\ & \stackrel{\text{additivity of } \mu_2}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_2((F \setminus E) \cap \Omega_n) = \mu_2(F \setminus E) \end{aligned}$$

③ **Recall:** $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) := \sigma(\{U \subset \mathbb{R} : U \text{ open}\}) = \sigma(\mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}))$ is called the **Borel sets of $\mathbb{R}$** .
Likewise $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^d) := \sigma(\{U \subset \mathbb{R}^d : U \text{ open}\})$.

Key example: Cumulative distribution fⁿs / Stieltjes functions.

$$F(x) = \lim_{y \downarrow x} F(y).$$

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Def: A **Stieltjes Function** is a F^n $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which is non-decreasing and **right-continuous**.

It is a **CDF** if $F(-\infty) := \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ and $F(\infty) := \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$.

Prop: Let F be a dist. function, and let $A = \mathcal{A}(\mathbb{R}) := \{(a_i, b_i] \cup \dots \cup (a_k, b_k], k \in \mathbb{N}, -\infty < a_1 \leq b_1 \leq \dots \leq a_k \leq b_k < \infty\}$.
Define $\mu = \mu_F$ by $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^k (a_i, b_i]) = \sum_{i=1}^k F(b_i) - F(a_i)$.

Then μ is a pre-measure on ring A .

Proof: We prove this for the special case that $F(x) = x$ (i.e. for Lebesgue measure).
General case: same proof, more notation (in notes!).

Step 1: The definition makes sense.

Suppose $\bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i] = \bigcup_{j=1}^m (c_j, d_j]$, where both sides are disjoint unions.

Then for $i \in [n], j \in [m]$, let $S_{ij} = (a_i, b_i] \cap (c_j, d_j]$. If $S_{ij} \neq \emptyset$ write $S_{ij} = (l_{ij}, r_{ij}]$.

$$\text{Then } \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m (r_{ij} - l_{ij}) = \sum_{j=1}^m (d_j - c_j)$$

So def. makes sense

Step 2 μ is additive.

If $\left[\bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i] \right] \cap \left[\bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i] \right] = \emptyset$ then

$$\mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i] \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i] \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m (d_i - c_i) = \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n (a_i, b_i] \right) + \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i] \right)$$

So μ is additive.

Step 3: μ is a pre-measure.

We must show: if $L := \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i] = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (c_i, d_i]$, where both are disjoint unions,

then $\mu(L) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i - a_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (d_i - c_i)$.

$\mu(L) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i - c_i$. For all m , $L \supseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i]$ so $\mu(L) \geq \mu \left(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i] \right) = \sum_{i=1}^m (d_i - c_i)$

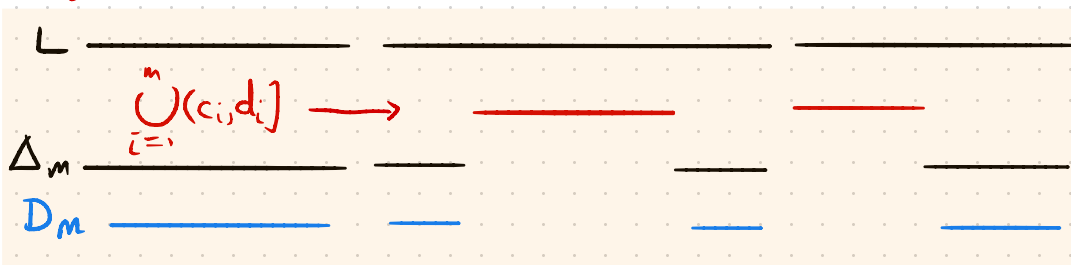
Thus $\mu(L) \geq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (d_i - c_i)$.

$\mu(L) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} d_i - c_i$. Suppose for a contradiction that $\mu(L) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (d_i - c_i) + 2\varepsilon$, some $\varepsilon > 0$.

We'll show the two sides weren't equal after all. For $m \geq 0$ write $\Delta_m = L \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i]$.

Then $\Delta_m = \bigcup_{i=1}^m [a_i, b_i] \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i] \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\Delta_m \supset \Delta_{m+1} \supset \dots$

with $\Delta_m \downarrow \emptyset$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.



Also, $\mu(\Delta_m)$

$$= \mu(L \setminus \bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i])$$

$$= \mu(L) - \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^m (c_i, d_i]) = \mu(L) - \sum_{i=1}^m (d_i - c_i) \geq 2\varepsilon.$$

Choose $D_m \in \mathcal{A}$ with $\overline{D_m} \subset \Delta_m$ s.t. $\mu(\Delta_m \setminus D_m) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2^m}$.

For $x \in \Delta_m$, if $\exists i$ s.t. $x \notin D_i$ then $x \in \Delta_i \setminus D_i$

Note that $\Delta_m = \bigcap_{i=1}^m D_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\Delta_m \setminus D_i) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^m D_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\Delta_i \setminus D_i),$

so *monotonicity*

$$\mu(\Delta_m) \leq \mu(\bigcap_{i=1}^m D_i \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^m (\Delta_i \setminus D_i))$$

subadditivity

$$\leq \mu(\bigcap_{i=1}^m D_i) + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu(\Delta_i \setminus D_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\varepsilon}{2^i} < \varepsilon.$$

$$< \mu(\bigcap_{i=1}^m D_i) + \varepsilon$$

Also, $\mu(\Delta_m) \geq 2\varepsilon$, so $\mu(\bigcap_{i=1}^m \overline{D}_i) \geq \varepsilon$.

Thus $\bigcap_{i=1}^m \overline{D}_i \neq \emptyset$ for all m , so $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{D}_i \neq \emptyset$. But $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \overline{D}_i \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} \Delta_m = \emptyset$, a contradiction. $\square$

Theorem: Let F be a Stieltjes function. Then there exists a unique measure μ on $\sigma(A(\mathbb{R}))$ s.t. $\mu(a, b] = F(b) - F(a)$ for all $-\infty < a \leq b < \infty$.

Proof: Existence

By the proposition, there exists a pre-measure μ on $A(\mathbb{R})$ with this property.

By CXT, μ extends to a measure on $\mathcal{L}(A(\mathbb{R})) \supset \sigma(A(\mathbb{R}))$.

Uniqueness

Suppose μ_1, μ_2 are as in the Theorem statement.

Let $\mathcal{P} = \{(a, b] : -\infty < a \leq b < \infty\}$.

Then $\mathcal{P}$ is a π -system with $\sigma(\mathcal{P}) = \sigma(A(\mathbb{R}))$, so by Dynkin's theorem $\mu_1 = \mu_2$. $\square$

Exercise If μ is a σ -finite measure on $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ then there exists a Stieltjes f.n F s.t. $\mu_F = \mu$.